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Research Interests

Comparative Politics, Post-Communist Politics, Democratization, Political Economy, Legislative Behavior, and Electoral Systems

Academic Appointments

Texas Tech University

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, 2008-present
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2002-2008

Albion College

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2001-2002

College of William and Mary

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Government, 2000-2001

Education

University of Texas at Austin

Ph.D., Department of Government, December 2000
M.A., Department of Government, August 1994

College of William and Mary

A.B., International Studies with High Honors, May 1991

Journal Articles and Book Chapters

“Women’s Representation on High Courts in Advanced Industrialized Countries.” *Politics and Gender*, (forthcoming), (with Margie Williams).

“District Magnitude, Personal Votes, and Government Expenditures.” *Electoral Studies*, 26, no. 2 (2007): 338-345, (with Martin Edwards).

“Searching for the Electoral Connection: Parliamentary Party Switching in the Ukrainian Rada, 1998-2002.” *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 32, no. 2 (2007): 223-246.

“Discipline and Party Institutionalization in Post-Soviet Legislatures.” *Party Politics*, 13, no. 4 (2007): 457-478.

“Measuring the Dissemination of Volatility across Levels of Development.” *Topics in Macroeconomics*, 6, no. 2 (2006), (with Jeffrey Edwards and Martin Edwards).

“Differentiating Mixed-Member Electoral Systems: MMM, MMP, and Government Expenditures.” *Comparative Political Studies*, 40, no. 7 (September 2006): 905-927, (with Martin Edwards).

“A House Divided: Party Strength and the Mandate Divide in Hungary, Russia, and Ukraine.” *Comparative Political Studies*, 38, no. 3 (April 2005): 293-203.

“Searching for Party Effects in Post-Communist Ukraine.” *Communist and Post-Communist Studies*, 38, no. 1 (March 2005): 89-108.

“Party and Personal Preference in Post-Soviet Legislatures.” *Social Science Quarterly*, 85, no. 2 (June 2004): 478-496.

“The Effect of District: Russian Single-member District Deputies and their Constituents’ Preferences.” *Journal of Legislative Studies*, 8, no. 3 (Autumn 2002): 109-126.

“Legislative Voting Behavior in the Russian Duma: Understanding the Effect of Mandate.” *Europe-Asia Studies*, 53, no. 6 (September 2001): 869-894.

“Did Yeltsin Buy Elections? The Russian Political Business Cycle, 1993-1999.” *Communist and Post-Communist Studies*, 34 (March 2001): 63-76.

“Patronage and the Presidential Critique: Budget Policy in the Fifth Russian State Duma.” *Demokratizatsiya*, 8, no. 1 (Winter 2000): 34-56.

“Compromise Amidst Political Conflict: The Origins of Russia’s Mixed Member System.” In Matthew Soberg Shugart and Martin P. Wattenberg, ed., *Mixed-Member Electoral Systems: The Best of Both Worlds?* Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press, 2000, (with Robert Moser).

Book Reviews and Working Papers

“Same System, Different Outcomes: Legislative Behavior Differences in Ukraine and Russia.” *Studies in Public Policy*, no. 373 (February 2003): 2-28.

“Roy Medvedev, Post Soviet Russia: A Journey Through the Yeltsin Era.” *Europe-Asia Studies*, 53, no. 7 (November 2001): 1117-1118.

Textbooks

Contending Perspectives in Comparative Politics. Washington, D.C.: Congressional Quarterly, Inc. Forthcoming, (with Larry Mayer and Dennis Patterson).

Grants and Awards

Leon Weaver Award presented by the Representation and Electoral Systems section for the Best Paper Presented at APSA in 2005 (with Martin Edwards), 2006

Multi-Disciplinary Seed Grant, Office of Research Services, Texas Tech University, 2004

Social Science Research Council Eurasian Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2003-2005

Lubbock International Cultural Center, Inc., 2002-2003

National Security Education Program Dissertation Research Grant, 1998

Ford Foundation Area Studies Research Grant, June 1998

Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship, 1995-1996, 1996-1997

Recent Conference Presentations

“The Institutional Causes of Electoral Volatility.” APSA, August 27-31, 2008, (with Dennis Patterson and Joseph Robbins).

“Women’s Representation on High Courts in OECD Countries.” Law and Society Association, July 25th-29th, 2007, Berlin, Germany, (with Margie Williams).

“Electoral Mandates and Presidential Support in the Russian Duma, 1996-2003,” MPSA, April 15-19, 2007.

“Party System Institutionalization and the Level of Democracy,” MPSA, April 15-19, 2007, (with Joseph Robbins).

“Assessing the Committee Outlier Hypothesis in Post-Communist Russia,” APSA, August 31-September 3, 2006.

“Electoral Incentives and Party Switching in Mixed-System Legislatures,” APSA, August 31-September 3, 2006, (with Melanie Castleberg).

“Parliamentary Party Switching in the Ukrainian Rada, 1998-2002.” MPSA, April 7-10, 2005.

“Personal Votes and Public Expenditures.” APSA, September 1-4, 2005.

“Parliamentary Party Switching in the Ukrainian Rada.” APSA, September 1-4, 2005.

“Differentiating Mixed-Member Electoral Systems: MMM, MMP, and Government Expenditures.” APSA, September 2-5, 2004, (with Martin Edwards).

“Party System Institutionalization and the Mandate Divide in Hungary, Ukraine, and Russia.” MPSA, April 15-19, 2004.

“Differentiating Mixed-Member Electoral Systems.” MPSA, April 15-19, 2004, (with Martin Edwards).

Teaching Experience

Undergraduate Courses: Introduction to American Politics, American Public Policy, Democratization, Introduction to Comparative Politics, West European Politics, and Russian Politics.

Graduate Courses: Democratization, Research Design, Core Seminar in Comparative Politics, and Comparative Politics Research Seminar

Languages

Fluent in Russian

References

Associate Professor Robert Moser, Department of Government, The University of Texas at Austin, Department of Government, 1 University Station A1800, Austin, TX 78712-0119, (512) 232-7278

Associate Professor Dennis Patterson, Department of Political Science, Texas Tech University, Box 41015, Lubbock, TX 79409-1015, (806) 742-4081

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